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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PPDC, GW
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM WILLY BRANDT

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM WILLY BRANDT (CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD, WHO IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT NORTH-SOUTH COMMISSION) WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 12 FROM SPD HEADQUARTERS. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE LETTER BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

SINCE I AM ACTUALLY VISITING A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT NORTH/SOUTH COMMISSION, I SHALL NOT BE IN GERMANY DURING YOUR STAY IN OUR COUNTRY. I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU MY MOST RESPECTFUL GREETINGS AND TO TELL YOU HOW WELCOME YOU ARE IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD.

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I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE BONN SUMMIT WILL BE A SUCCESS NOT ONLY IN IMPROVING THE PERSPECTIVES OF OUR ECONOMIES BUT ALSO BY PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I THINK IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE EVIDENT THAT OUR OWN ECONOMIC FUTURE WILL DEPEND UPON A SPEEDIER

DEVELOPMENT IN THE LESS PRIVILEGED PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE NORTH/SOUTH COMMISSION I AM CHAIRING, WILL HAVE ITS NEXT MEETING IN YOUR COUNTRY AT THE END OF AUGUST, AND I SHALL PROBABLY BE IN THE STATES ALSO LATER DURING THE YEAR.

AS FAR AS OUR WORK FOR INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN "NORTH" AND "SOUTH" IS CONCERNED, I AM GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE ADVICE THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND PEOPLE FROM YOUR COUNTRY ARE GIVING TO THESE ISSUES. I CONSIDER THEM TO BE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE DECADES AHEAD OF US.

DURING MY STAY IN VIENNA FROM WHERE I AM LEAVING FOR ROME TO-DAY, CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND I HAD UNOFFICIAL BUT VERY INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND SHIMON PERES, LEADER OF THE ISRAEL LABOUR PARTY. WE WERE IMPRESSED BY THE FRANKNESS AND A FEELING OF GROWING CONFIDENCE WHICH WE WITNESSED DURING THE TALKS. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS EXPERIENCE, KREISKY AND I TODAY ARE PUBLISHING A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON THE MIDDLE EAST. WE BELIEVE THEM BEING NOT FAR FROM YOUR OWN POSITION, MR. PRESIDENT.

WITH KIND REGARDS AND BEST WISHES. SINCERELY
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YOURS, WILLY BRANDT. VIENNA, JULY 10, 1978. END TEXT.

2. THE ORIGINAL OF THE LETTER WILL BE PASSED TO THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF UPON ITS ARRIVAL IN BONN ON JULY 13.
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